

# COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO PUERTO RICO ENERGY COMMISSION

IN RE: REVIEW OF RATES OF THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

**CASE NO.:** CEPR-AP-2015-0001

**SUBJECT:** Guidelines for Discovery.

#### **RESOLUTION AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Act 57-2014,¹ the Puerto Rico Energy Commission ("Commission") is undertaking an administrative procedures for the evaluation of the Petition for Rate Review ("Petition") filed by the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") on May 27, 2016. Given the inherent complexity of the procedure and its implications for Puerto Rico's energy future, the Commission has looked to developing an agile and flexible procedure which provides for an adequate interaction among the parties.

On the other hand, Act 57-2014 provides a limited time period of one hundred eighty (180) days for the Commission to conclude its evaluation of the Petition and issue a final determination. Pursuant to Act 57-2014, failure to comply with such term will result in the Petition being deemed approved, barring the public from the benefit of the results of an independent and thorough evaluation of PREPA's Petition. In light of such responsibility, the Commission has the duty of ensuring that the procedure for evaluating the Petition is aligned with the diligence and celerity required by Act 57-2014.

The Commission has determined it convenient to establish a procedure which provides for an effective and efficient exchange of information between the parties. The Commission has also determined that the simplification of the procedures will allow it to comply with its mandate of revising PREPA's rates within the statutory time limit provided by Act 57-2014. Consequently, in relation to the discovery process, the Commission **RESOLVES** and **ORDERS** the following:

Any party who wishes to send an information requirement, request for production of documents or any other discovery requirement shall send an electronic copy in searchable PDF format to the party to whom the request is made, to the Commission and to all other parties in the instant proceeding. It will not be necessary for the request to include the signature of the requesting party's authorized representative. Parties may use electronic signatures when sending such documents. The request may be notified via email only by the requesting party's authorized representative.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Puerto Rico Energy Transformation and RELIEF Act, as amended.



When answering any discovery request, the responding party shall notifyits response to the requesting party, the Commission and all other parties in the instant proceeding via email. Responses to any discovery request shall be filed in searchable PDF format and shall be filed pursuant to this Resolution and Order and the August 30, 2016 Resolution and Order, CEPR-AP-2015-0001.

If, due to its size, a document is unable to be sent via email, the responding party shall deliver it to the requesting party, the Commission and all other parties in the instant proceeding through a pendrive or a cloud based storage service (e.g. Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive, etc.).

With the purpose of easing the discovery process, the Commission has determined to exempt all parties in the instant proceeding from the requirement that all answers to a discovery request be physically signed and notarized. However, responses are required to clearly identify the person providing the answer to each question or requirement and include a certification regarding that all answers provided are true and no false or misleading information has been provided. Furthermore, all answers may be only notified by the party's authorized representative.

Copies of discovery requests and responses to such discovery requests are not required to be filed at the Clerk's Office.

Should any party claim confidential treatment of the information provided, or a portion thereof, said party shall follow the guidelines set forth by the Commission in its August 31, 2016 Resolution, CEPR-MI-2016-0009.

For the benefit of all parties involved, the Commission publishes the present Resolution in Spanish and English. If there is any discrepancy between both versions, the Spanish version shall prevail.

Be it notified and published.

Agustín F. Carbó Lugo

President

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#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on September  ${\cal U}$ 2016. I also certify that on this date a copy of this Resolution was notified by electronic mail n-avala@aeepr.com. sent to: c-aquino@aeepr.com, glenn.rippie@r3law.com. michael.guerra@r3law.com, john.ratnaswamy@r3law.com, michael.guerra@r3law.com, cfl@mcvpr.com, ivc@mcvpr.com, mmuntanerlaw@gmail.com, jfeliciano@constructorespr.net, abogados@fuerteslaw.com, jose.maeso@aae.pr.gov, edwin.quinones@aae.pr.gov, nydinmarie.watlington@cemex.com, aconer.pr@gmail.com, epenergypr@gmail.com, jorgehernandez@escopr.net, ecandelaria@camarapr.net, pga@caribe.net, manuelgabrielfernandez@gmail.com, mreyes@midapr.com, agraitfe@agraitlawpr.com, mgrpcorp@gmail.com, codiot@oipc.pr.gov. maribel.cruz@acueductospr.com y jperez@oipc.pr.gov.

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I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution and Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Commission. I further certify that today, September  $\underline{\Psi}$ , 2016, I have proceeded with the filing of the Resolution and Order and I have sent a copy thereof to:

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For the record, I sign this in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, September  $\underline{\psi}$ , 2016.

